

KidsCare Premium Increase Estimate of Impact

In response to budget reductions as part of the 2009 Legislative Special Session to address Arizona's significant budget shortfall, Arizona submitted a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to increase KidsCare premiums. AHCCCS has made estimates on the number of children and families expected to be impacted using data based on billed premiums to households for the month of February. It is estimated 25,100 (42%) children and 3,200 (35%) parents will be impacted each month based on enrollment data as of February 1, 2009.

Table I shows the number of children and families enrolled in KidsCare expected to be impacted by the proposed premium increase:

Children and Families Impacted by Premium Increase	
Children	
Children between 151-175% FPL ¹	11,600
Children in families between 151-175% FPL ²	3600
Children between 176-200% FPL ³	9,900
Total Children Impacted	25,100
Parents	
Total Parents Impacted (between 151-175% FPL)	3,200

Table II shows the number of Children and Families enrolled in KidsCare who will NOT be impacted by the proposed premium increase:

Children and Families NOT Impacted by Premium Increase	
Children	
Total children enrolled	59,577
American Indian children (exempt from premiums)	(4,700)
Children pending Medicaid determination (no premiums billed)	(7,000)
Children between 100-150% FPL (no change)	(18,000)
Children in families between 100-150% FPL (no change)	(1,500)
Children in families between 176-200% FPL (no change)	(3,300)
Total children not impacted	(34,500)
Parents	
Total HIFA parents enrolled	9,215
American Indian parents (exempt from premiums)	(1,000)
Parents between 100-150% FPL (no change)	(2,100)
Parents between 176-200% FPL (no change)	(2,800)
Total parents not impacted	(5,900)

¹ Premiums for children between 151-175% FPL will increase from \$20/month to \$40/month for one child; \$30/month to \$60/month for more than one child.

² Premiums for families between 151-175% FPL will increase from 4% to 5% of monthly income.

³ Premiums for children between 176-200% FPL will increase from \$25/month to \$50/month for one child; \$35/month to \$70/month for more than one child.